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LOOK OVER *THERE*, SONIC!

EVER SINCE THE *ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR* WAS USED*, THIS PLANET HAS MORE THAN ITS FAIR SHARE OF BIZARRE SIGHTS AND SOUNDS...LET'S CHECK IT OUT!

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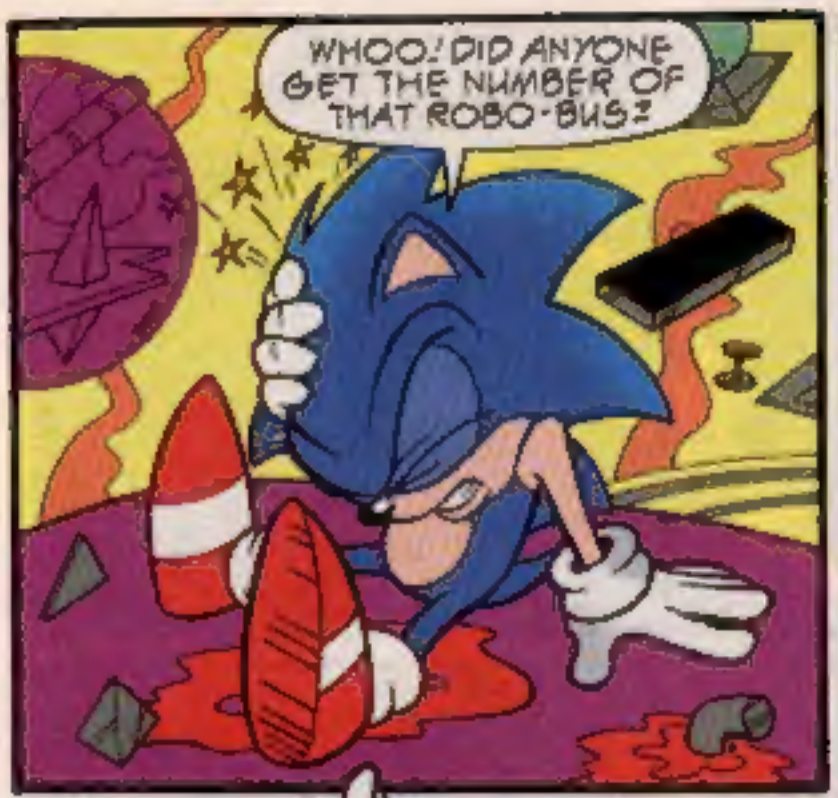
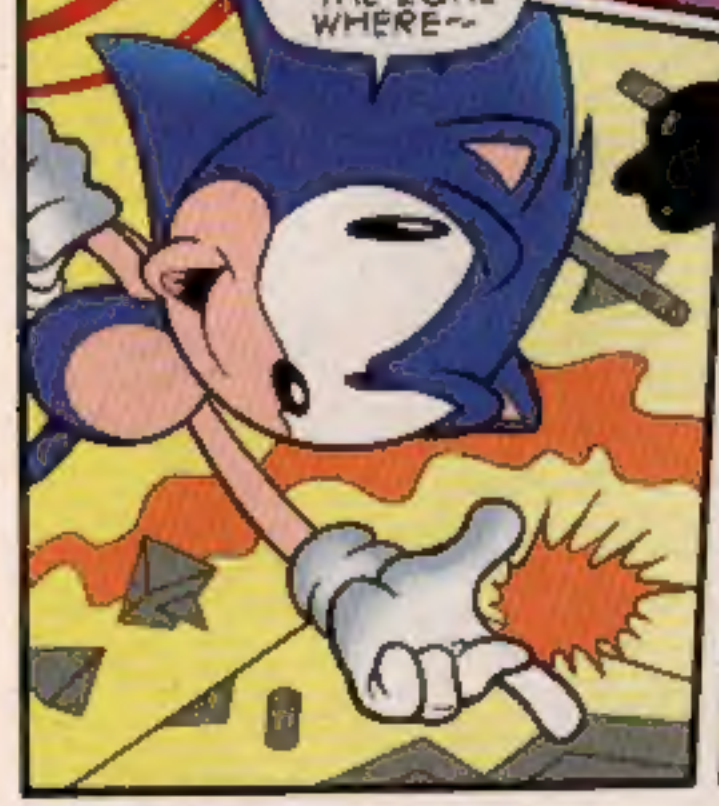
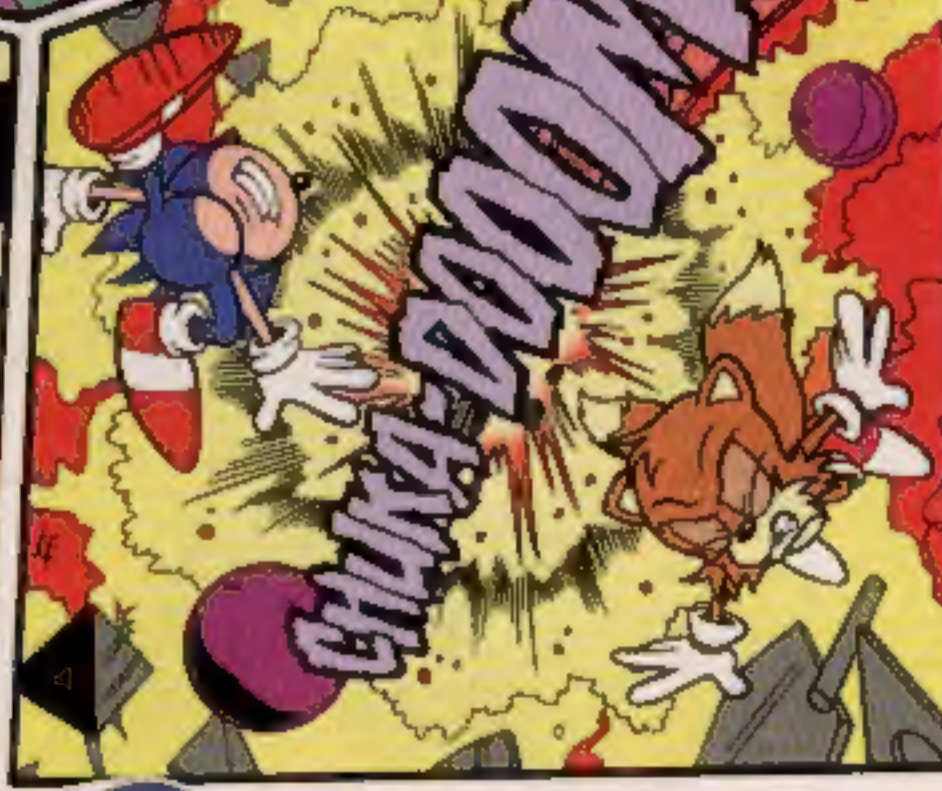
CAREFUL, LITTLE BUDDY. UNLESS I MISS MY GUESS, THIS IS ANOTHER WEAKENED WALL BETWEEN OUR REALITY AND AN UNKNOWN ZONE."
I WONDER WHAT'S ON THE OTHER SIDE?
"The kind of zones you play SONIC on your SEGA system."~ JFG
UH-OH! WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT!
I'M BEING PUH-PULLED T-TOWARDS IT!
GET AWAY FROM IT!
I CUH-CAN'T!
SCHLOP
PLOOP

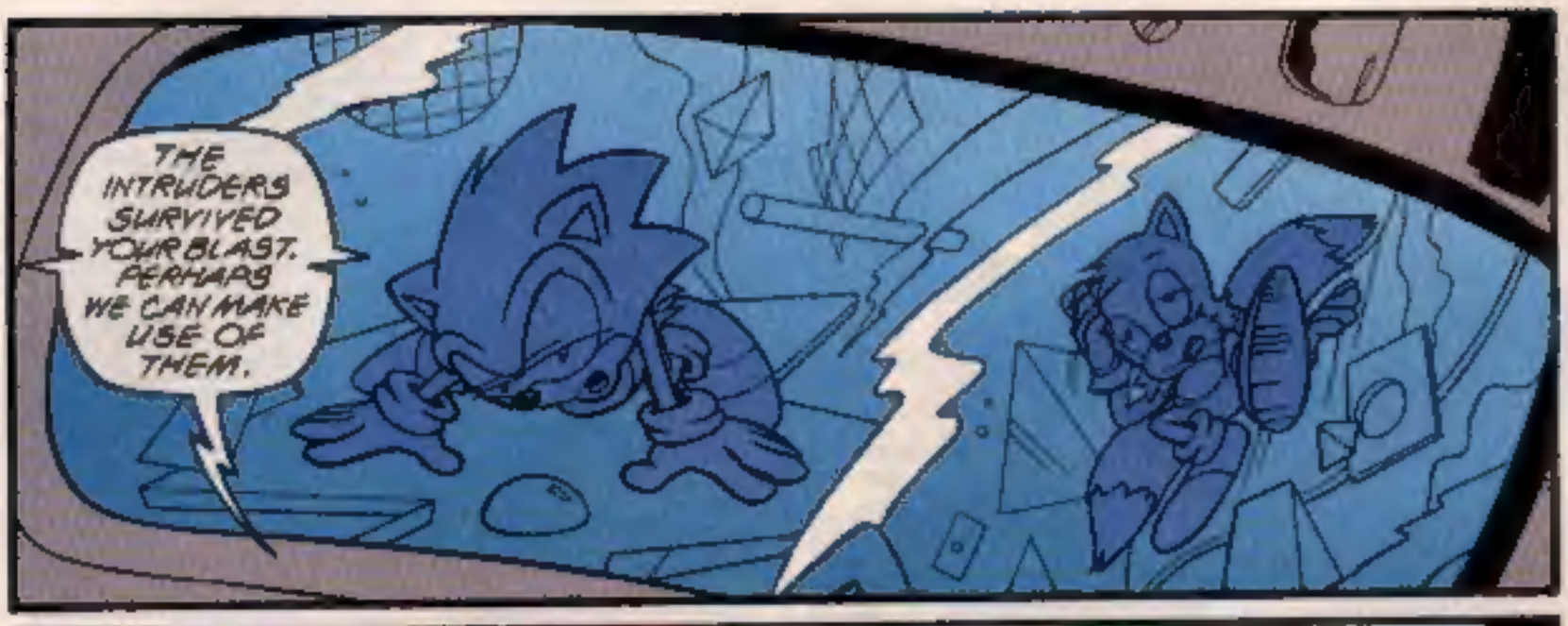

WHOO! DID ANYONE GET THE NUMBER OF THAT ROBO-BUS?

THERE'S SOMETHING EERILY FAMILIAR ABOUT THIS PLACE!
YO, TAILS! WHERE'D YOU GO, CHUM?

I'M RIGHT HERE, BELOW YOU!
BELOW ME? NO--YOU'RE UPSIDE DOWN... OR AM I?


WAIT A MINUTE--I REMEMBER NOW! THIS IS THE ZONE WHERE--


CHUKA-DOOOM!



INDEED, VERTI-CAL HAVING THEM SERVE AS OUR PAWNS MIGHT BE--AMUSING.

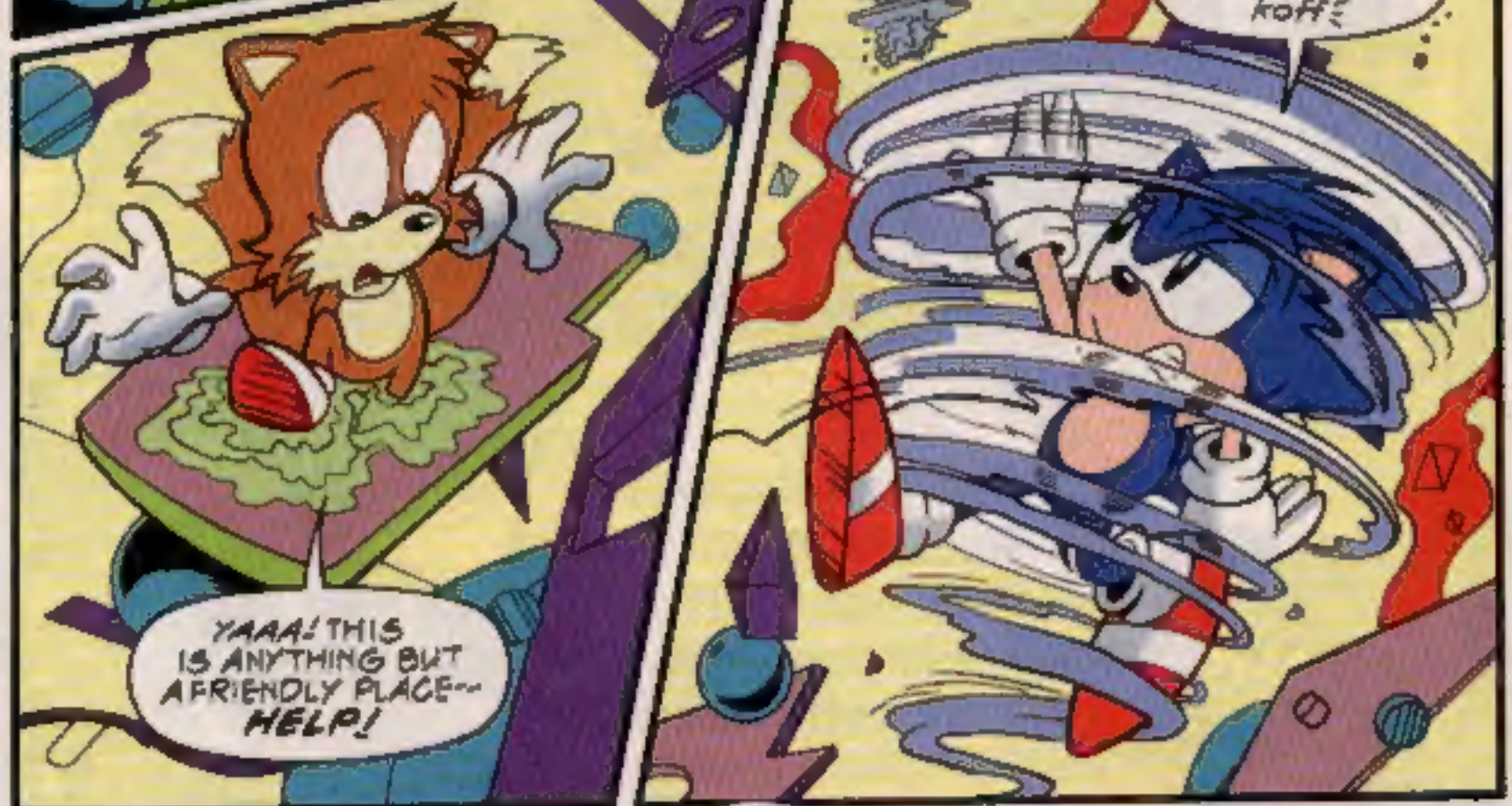
AMUSEMENT, HORIZONT-AL? IT IS A CONCEPT I BARELY REMEMBER.

LONG AGO, WE CO-EXISTED AS COMPANIONS. THEN, AS NOW, OUR ZONE WAS NOT GOVERNED BY ANY LAWS OF PHYSICS AND OUR TIME WAS SPENT RECREATING."
"All the way back in STH #2, "Vertigo A Go-Go", However, Al and Col made one other brief appearance. Special mention in an upcoming SONIC-GRAMS Letter Column to the first ten "True Blue Crew" fans who can tell me what issue that was in ~ Justin
IN FACT, I BELIEVE THAT ONE OF THESE CURRENT INTRUDERS WAS PRIVY TO OUR FORMER EXISTENCE.
BUT THEN, THE ULTIMATE ANNIHILATOR OCCURED. OUR ZONE WAS DECIMATED BACK TO A SUB-ATOMIC LEVEL.

BUT OUR ETHEREAL ESSENCES WERE NOT DESTROYED. BOTH OF US SURVIVED ALBEIT AS PRIMITIVE, PROTOPLASMIC ENTITIES.
OUR ZONE BEGAN TO RE-EVOLVE. AS OUR PRIMAL POWERS GREW, SO DID OUR MUTUAL MISTRUST WE EACH BLAMED THE OTHER FOR ALLOWING THE PREVIOUS DESTRUCTION OF OUR HOME.
THIS TIME, THERE WOULD BE NO CO-OPERATION OR COMPANIONSHIP... THERE WOULD ONLY BE--WAR!
A WAR THAT YOU SHALL LOSE, HORIZONT-AL!
SKRAAK
BAH! FUNDIMENTAL CONTROL SHALL BE MINE, VERTI-CAL!
ZZZRAPT

FOOL! DID WE NOT JUST DECIDE THAT THESE TWO INTRUDERS WOULD SERVE AS OUR COMBATANTS?
AGREED! WE SHALL ENSLAVE THEIR MINDS, OUTFIT THEM FOR COMBAT AND SET THEM AGAINST EACH OTHER... WINNER TAKE ALL!

I'M GLAD THAT QUAKE IS OVER. NOW, YOU WERE ABOUT TO SAY SOMETHING ABOUT BEING HERE BEFORE?
I THINK SO. IT WAS A LONG TIME AGO AND THE PLACE WASN'T SO VIOLENT ... IN FACT, THE GUYS WHO LIVED HERE WERE KIND OF FRIENDLY AND--


YAAA! THIS IS ANYTHING BUT A FRIENDLY PLACE-- HELP!
TAILS-- ;choke; HANG TOUGH-- ;koff koff;

THE ONLY THING THAT WILL HANG IS YOUR HEAD ON THE MANTLE OF MY MASTER, HORIZONT-AL!
FOOLISH FOX! VICTORY AND ULTIMATE CONTROL SHALL BELONG TO THE GRAND AND GLORIOUS VERTI-CAL!

SURRENDER, SPINEY ONE!

THAT MANEUVER LOOKS A LOT LIKE MY SONIC SPIN...

...AND HE WHO *INVENTS* IT KNOWS HOW TO *PREVENT* IT!

UNNNGH!

KLANG

PREPARE TO BE PERMANENTLY HORIZONTAL--IN YOUR CASKET!

YOUR CLUMSY, PRIMITIVE ASSAULT IS EASILY CHECKED...
...AND MATED!
WHOOOK!
IT WOULD APPEAR YOUR SOLDIER LACKS THE NECESSARY COMBAT SKILLS.
A TEMPORARY SETBACK--HE WILL RECOVER AND CONQUER!
UPSTART! YOU'LL PAY FOR THAT!

GROWWR!
HA! BY LOSING YOUR TEMPER, YOU SHALL LOSE THIS DUEL!
THINK AGAIN, WHIPPER-SNAPPER--
--I'M USING THAT ROUND-HOUSE SWING TO BUILD MOMENTUM--
--SO I CAN LAUNCH MY DOOMERANG AT YOU!
PREPARE TO MEET YOUR MAKER LITTLE MAN!
AAAARRRR!

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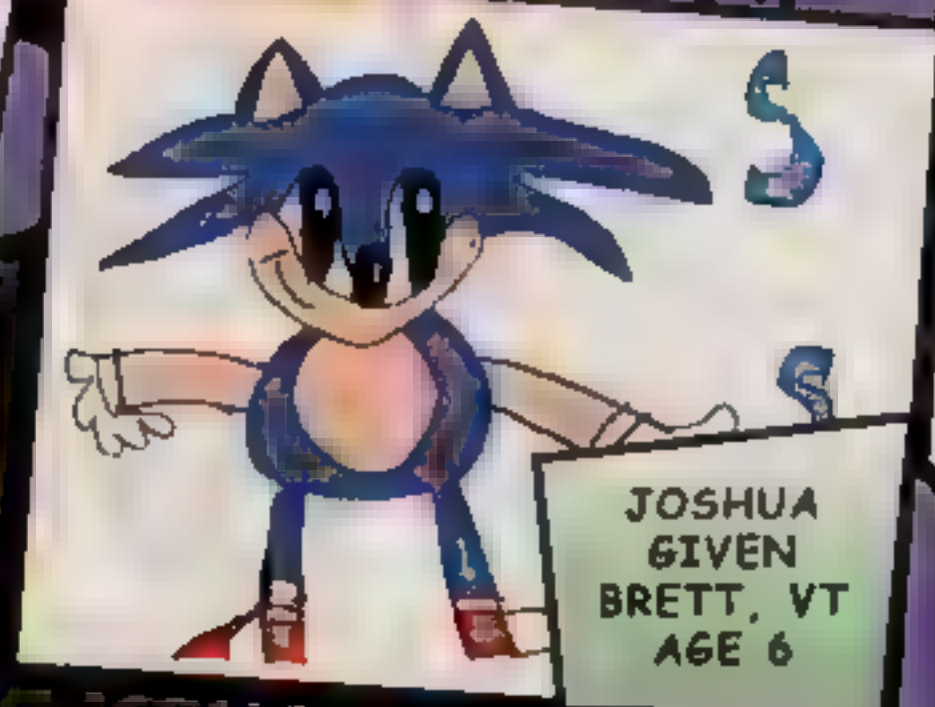

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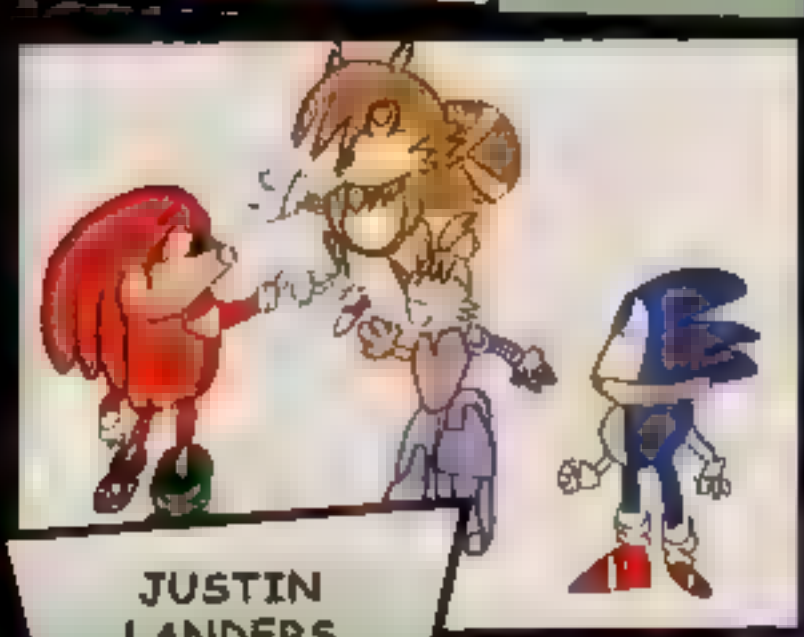

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MUARRR

NO! S-STOP--PUH-PLEASE!

SUH-SONIC-- I THOUGHT W-WE WERE...FRIENDS!

CHOKTA CHOKTA CHOK

F-FUH-FRIEND?

FRIEND!

YEAH!

WHY HAVE THE HOSTILITIES CEASED?

YOU TWO ARE THE MINDLESS THRALLS OF VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL AND ARE SUPPOSED TO FIGHT TO THE DEATH!

WAIT A MINUTE! I KNOW YOU GUYS. WHY DID YOU LOSE THE FUNNY OUTFITS AND TURN INTO VIOLENT DEMI-GODS?

YOURS IS NOT TO REASON WHY! OUR POWER IN THIS ZONE IS ABSOLUTE! YOU SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SUPERCEDE IT!

THE PURITY OF TRUE FRIENDSHIP CAN CUT THROUGH ANYTHING!

RIGHT! EVEN YOUR ABSOLUTE POWER COULDN'T BREAK THOSE BONDS -- ALTHOUGH I'LL ADMIT, IT CAME PRETTY CLOSE!

WHAT'S MORE, YOU TWO USED TO BE GREAT. I REMEMBER HOW YOU WORKED TOGETHER WHEN I WAS HERE LAST TIME. WHAT HAPPENED?

DO NOT PRESUME TO LECTURE US, MINISCULE ONE!

AS FREE-THINKING INDIVIDUALS WE CAN PRESUME ANYTHING WE WANT, BIG SHOT!

AND I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING ELSE...

...THE WAY I SEE IT, YOU TWO NEED EACH OTHER IN ORDER TO CREATE SOME KIND OF PHYSICAL LAWS IN THIS WHACKY ZONE.

YOU'VE GOT TO STOP FIGHTING EACH OTHER --IF YOU CAN'T BE FRIENDS, THEN AT LEAST TRY TO BE NEIGHBORS.

FRIENDS AGAIN?...

LIKE IT USED TO BE?...

NAAAAAAAH!

SHRAAAAK

WHOOM

WELL WE TRIED!

EEEEEYOW!

WHOOOOA!

BA-BA-BLAMM

RUMBLERUMBLERUMBLERUMBLE

EEEEEYOW!

WHOOOOA!

LOOK-- THE DOORWAY TO VERTI-CAL AND HORIZONT-ALS ZONE S DIS-APPEARING!

AND NOT A MINUTE TOO SOON... GOOD RIDDANCE!

IT MAKES YOU WONDER ABOUT THEM, THOUGH THEY'LL BE FIGHTING EACH OTHER LIKE FOREVER AND EVER.

TAILS, MY MAIN CONCERN IS FINDING THE NEAREST CHILI DOG STAND AND WRAPPING MY 'UPPER HAND' AROUND A FOOT LONG WITH EXTRA PEPPERS AND ONIONS!

The End

ON MY MARK, EVERYONE--

BREAK!!

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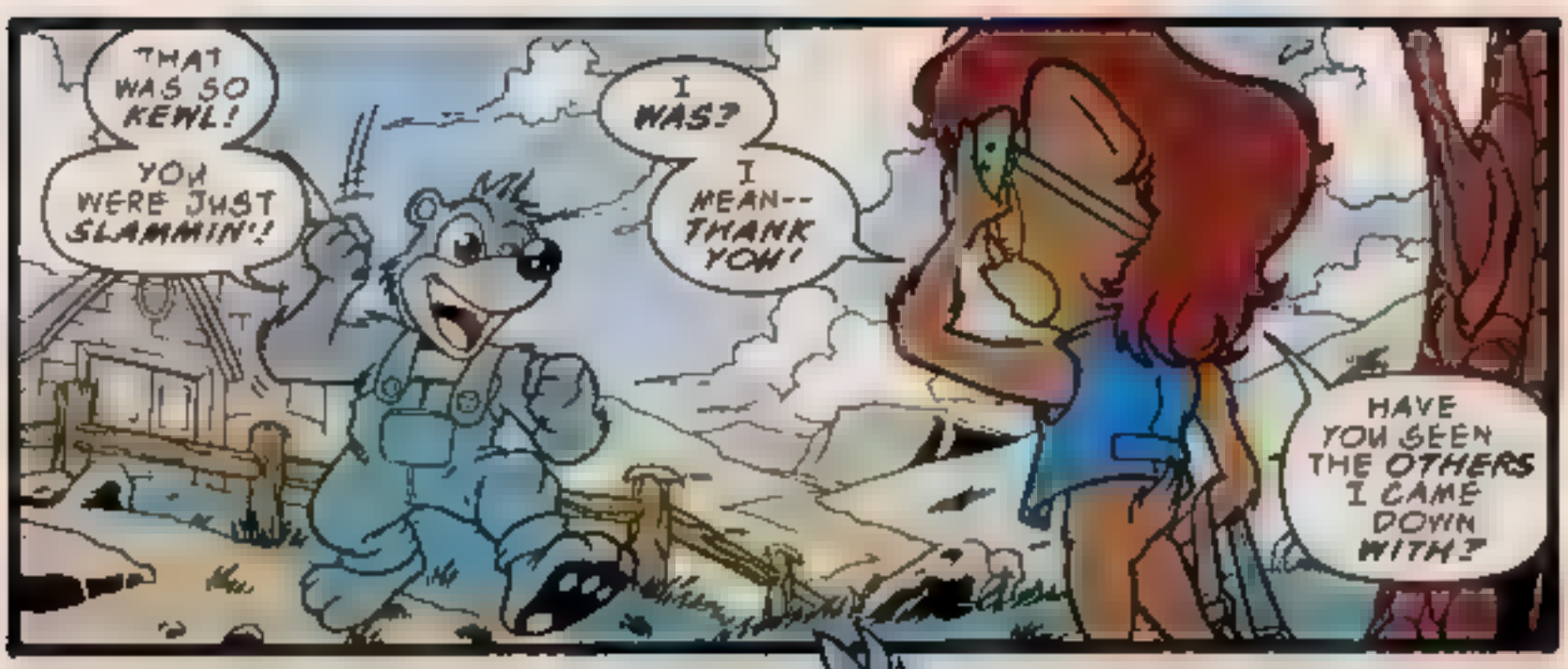
Tales of the Freedom Fighters

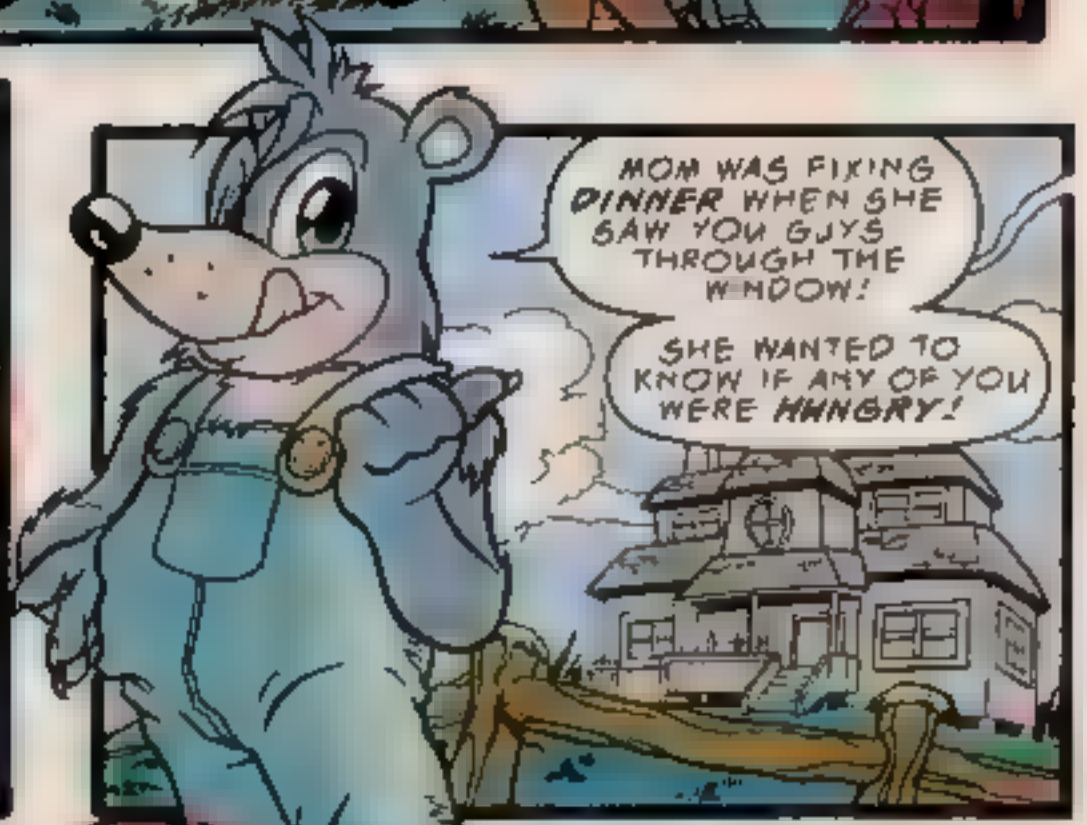
Presents:

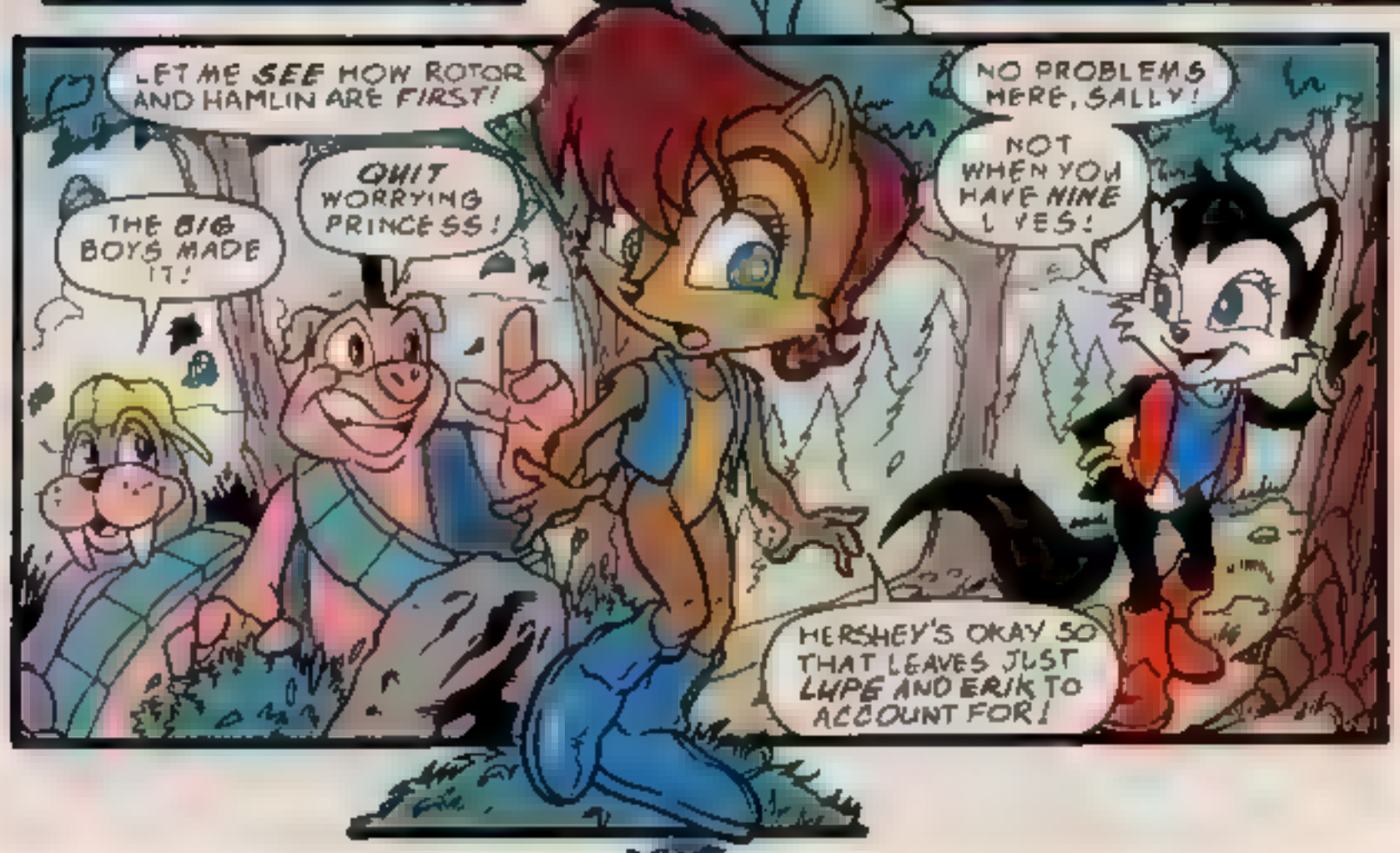
Princess Sally in The People's Princess

THIS IS SOOOO GREAT!
FLOATING IN THE AIR--
--AND NOT A CARE IN THE WORLD!
NO SOFT LANDINGS, EITHER!
IF ONLY I COULD STAY UP HERE FOREVER!
UNFORTUNATELY--
--I HAVE TO COME DOWN TO EARTH SOMETIME!
OOMPH!
PRINCESS SALLY!
NOW WHAT?!

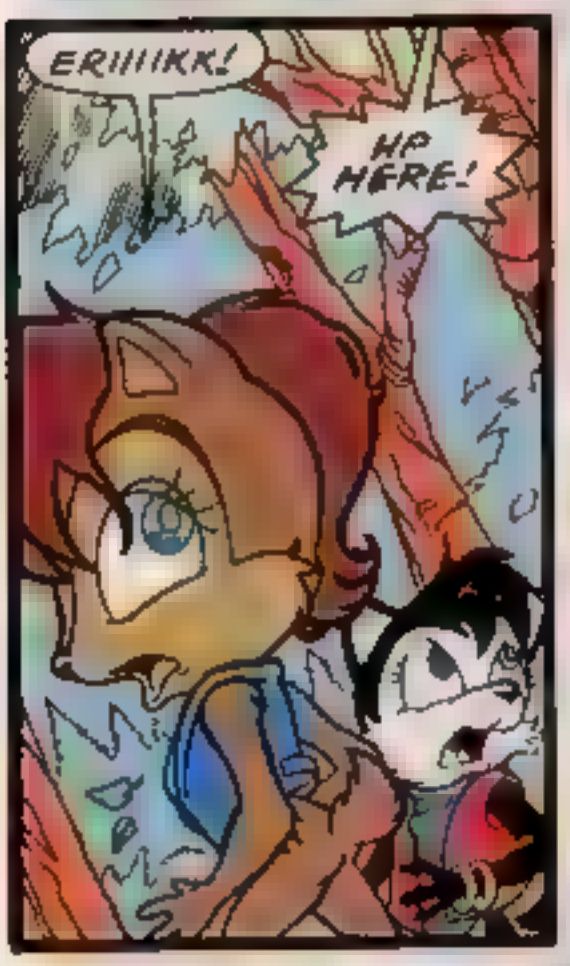

THAT WAS SO KEWL!
YOU WERE JUST SLAMMIN'!
I WAS?
I MEAN-- THANK YOU!
HAVE YOU SEEN THE OTHERS I CAME DOWN WITH?

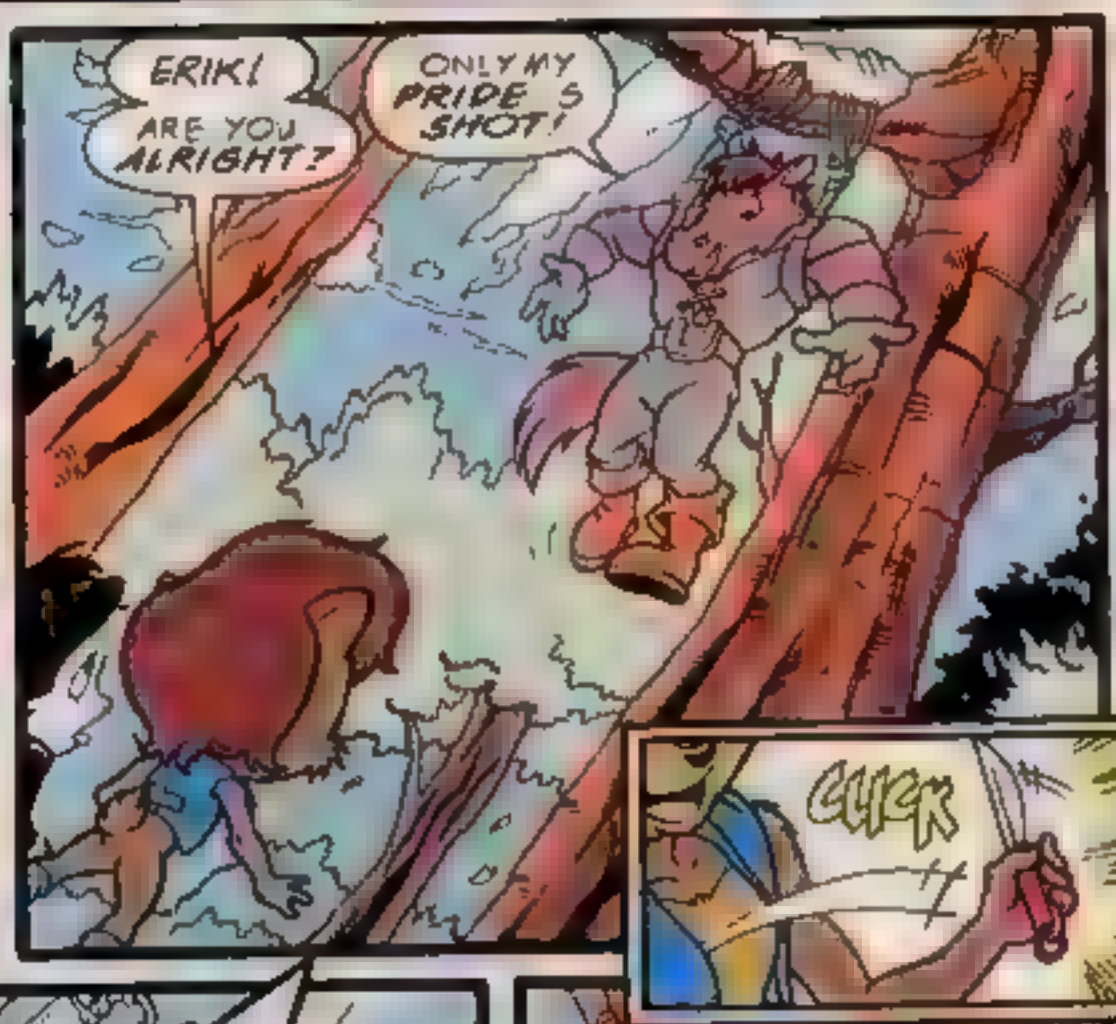
YEAH! TWO OF THEM LANDED OVER THERE!
AND ANOTHER JUST OVER THE HILL TO YOUR RIGHT!


MOM WAS FIXING DINNER WHEN SHE SAW YOU GUYS THROUGH THE WINDOW!
SHE WANTED TO KNOW IF ANY OF YOU WERE HUNGRY!


LET ME SEE HOW ROTOR AND HAMLIN ARE FIRST!
QUIT WORRYING PRINCESS!
THE BIG BOYS MADE IT!
NO PROBLEMS HERE, SALLY!
NOT WHEN YOU HAVE NINE LIVES!
HERSHEY'S OKAY SO THAT LEAVES JUST LUPE AND ERIK TO ACCOUNT FOR!

LUPE!
ERIK!
WHERE ARE YOU!


ERIIIIKK!
HP HERE!


ERIK! ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
ONLY MY PRIDE'S SHOT!
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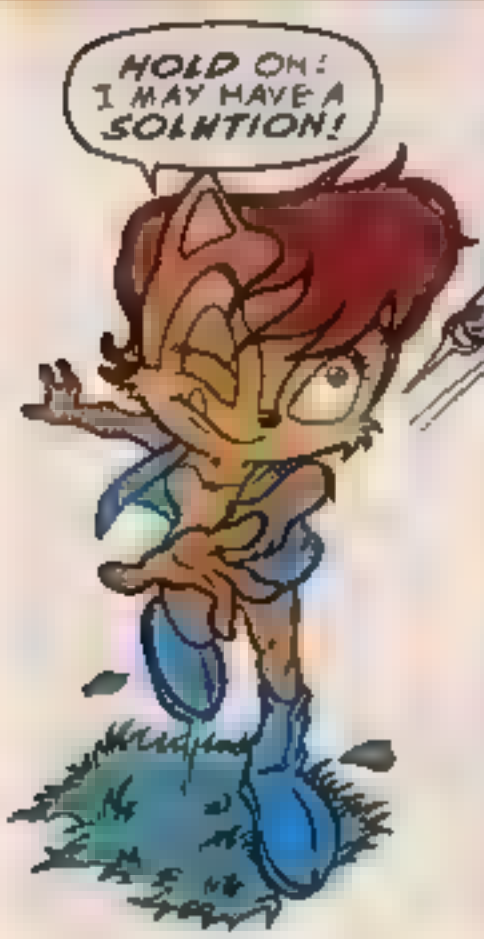
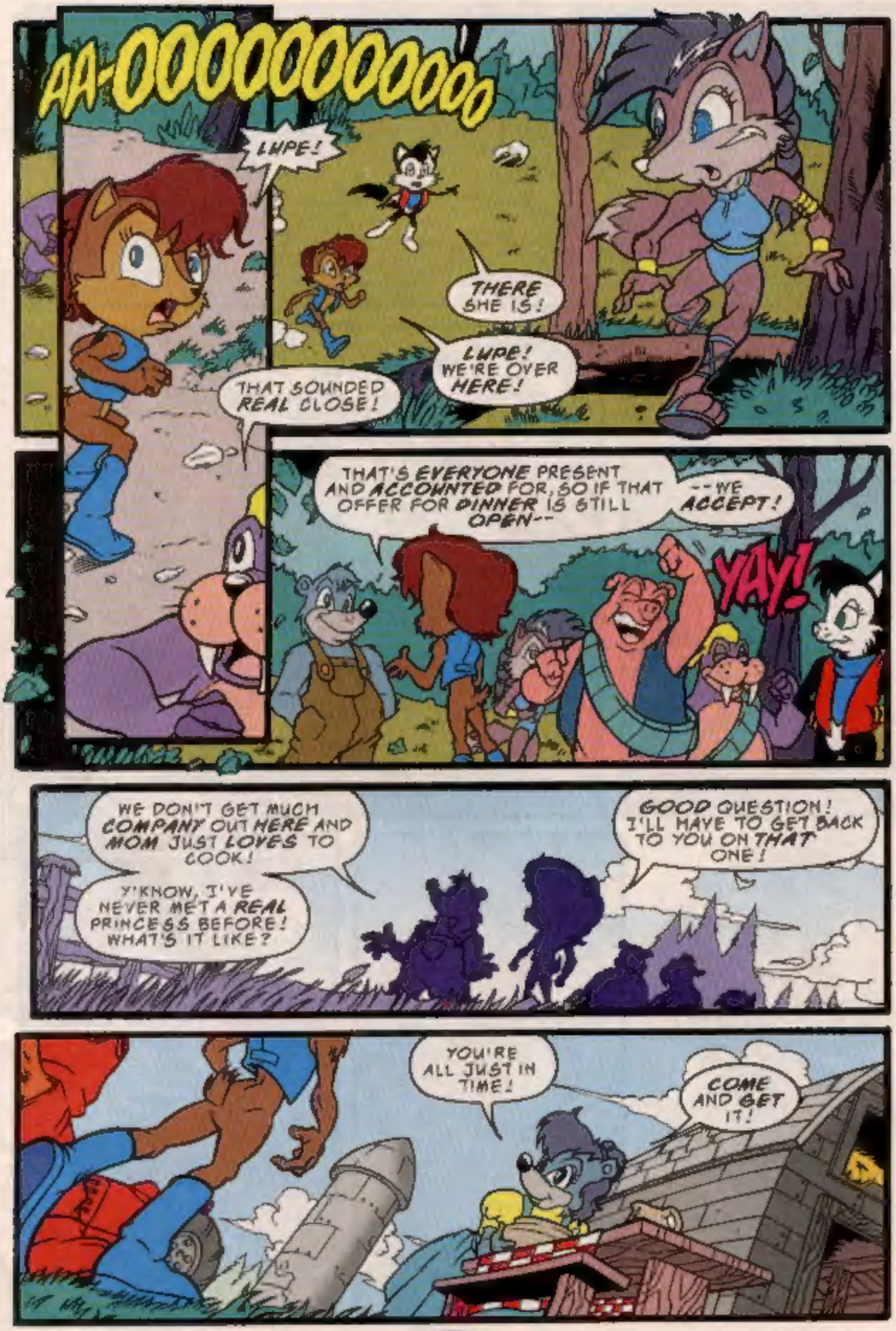
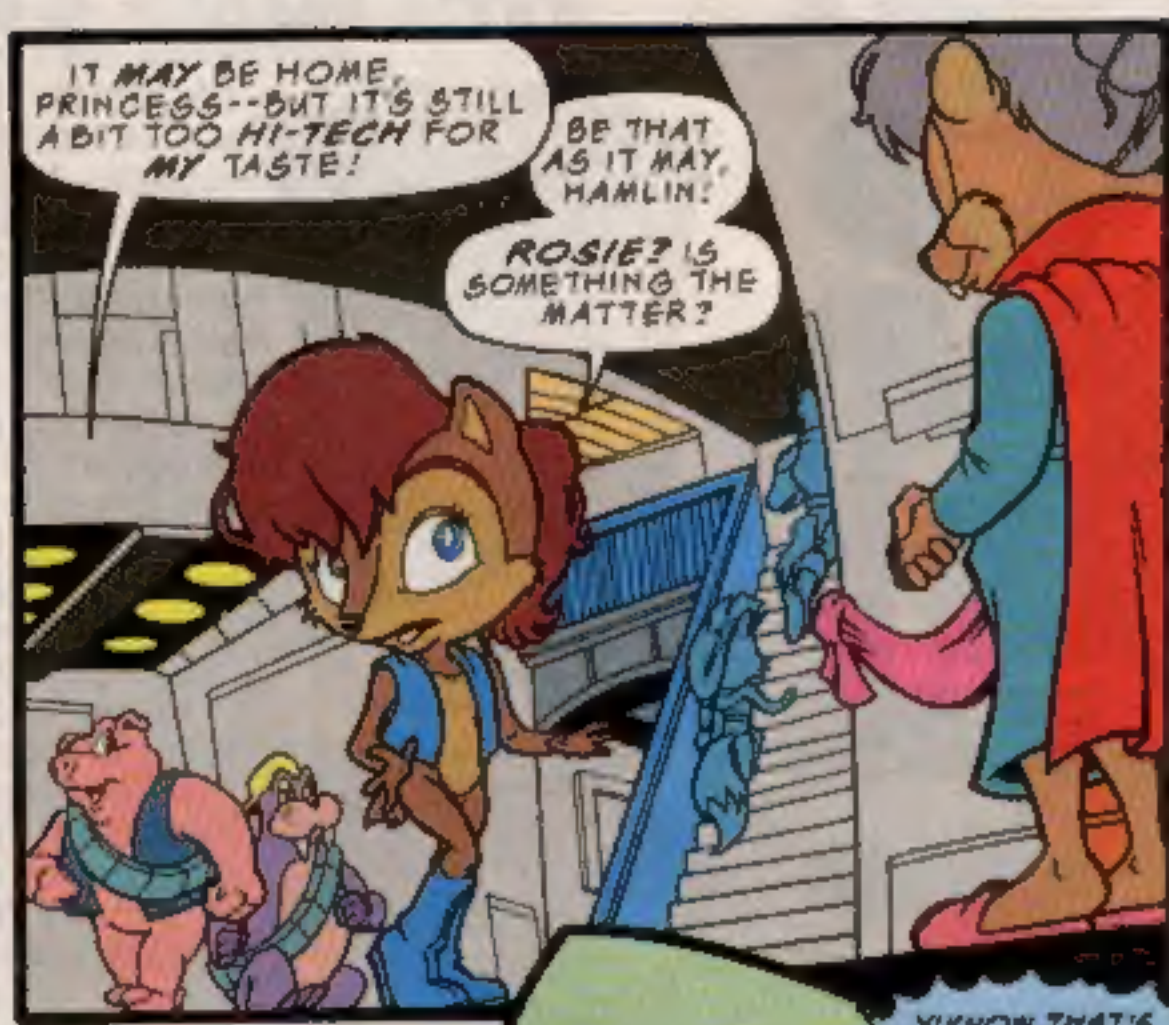
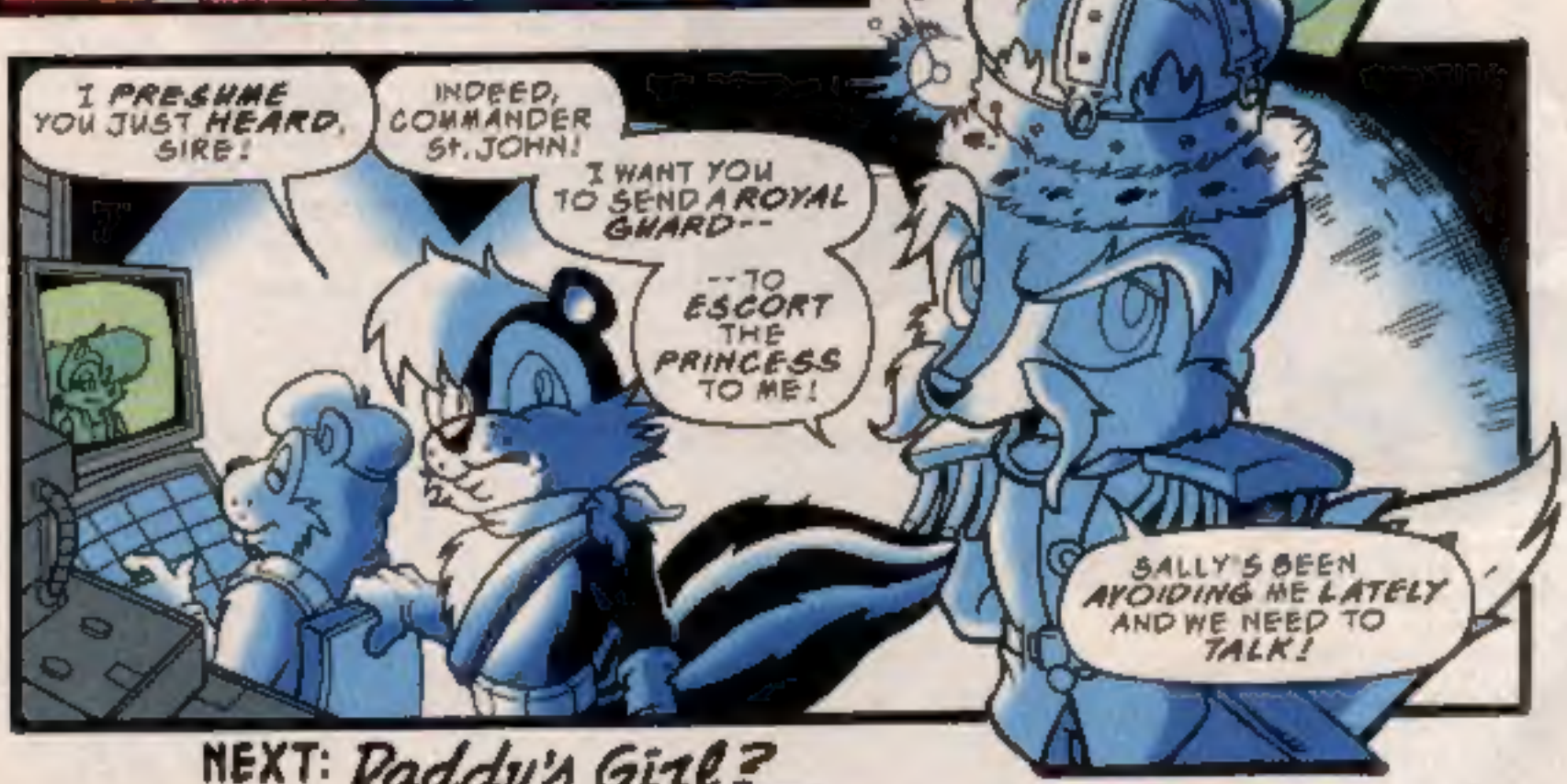

HOLD ON! I MAY HAVE A SOLUTION!

WHAT AN EYE!

MUCH OBLIGED, PRINCESS!
YOU'RE WELCOME, ERIK!
WE STILL HAVE TO FIND--


AA-OOOOOOOOOOO
LUPE!
THERE SHE IS!
LUPE! WE'RE OVER HERE!
THAT SOUNDED REAL CLOSE!
THAT'S EVERYONE PRESENT AND ACCOUNTED FOR, SO IF THAT OFFER FOR DINNER IS STILL OPEN--
--WE ACCEPT!
YAY!
WE DON'T GET MUCH COMPANY OUT HERE AND MOM JUST LOVES TO COOK!
Y'KNOW, I'VE NEVER MET A REAL PRINCESS BEFORE! WHAT'S IT LIKE?
GOOD QUESTION! I'LL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU ON THAT ONE!
YOU'RE ALL JUST IN TIME!
COME AND GET IT!





NEXT: *Daddy's Girl?*

SONIC-GRAMS

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THIS JUST IN!

THE KIDS COMETH!

NEXT MONTH: SONIC AND TAILS TRAVEL TO THE EASTERN PROVINCES OF MOBIUS AND ARE ASKED TO SAVE THE VILLAGERS THERE FROM THE WRATH OF SOMEONE CALLED THE IRON KING. AS THEY INVESTIGATE, THEY COME FACE TO FACE WITH MONKEY KHAN. WHY IS HE THERE? WHOSE SIDE IS HE ON? YOU HAVE TO READ IT TO FIND OUT. STORY AND ART BY FRANK STROM WITH INKS BY JIM AMASH. ALSO KING ACORN REQUESTS SOMETHING OF PRINCESS SALLY. THE RESULT WILL BE A SHOCKER. BY KEN PENDERS, MANNY GALAN AND JIM AMASH. SONIC THE HEDGEHOG #60 ON SALE APRIL 1998!

IN ONE WEEK: WITNESS THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS AT THE YOUNGEST STAGES OF THEIR ILLUSTRIOUS CAREERS. MISS IT AT YOUR OWN RISK! ALSO CHECK OUT THE BONUS STORY ABOUT WITNESSING THE SAME EVENTS FROM THREE VERY DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW AS SONIC, SALLY AND ANTOINE TAKE DOWN A ROGUE COMBOT. STORIES BY MIKE GALLAGHER, TOM ROLSTON AND KARL BOLLERS. ART CHORES BY MANNY GALAN, ART MAWHINNEY AND MANY OTHERS. SONIC SUPER SPECIAL #5: SONIC KIDS ON SALE APRIL 1998!

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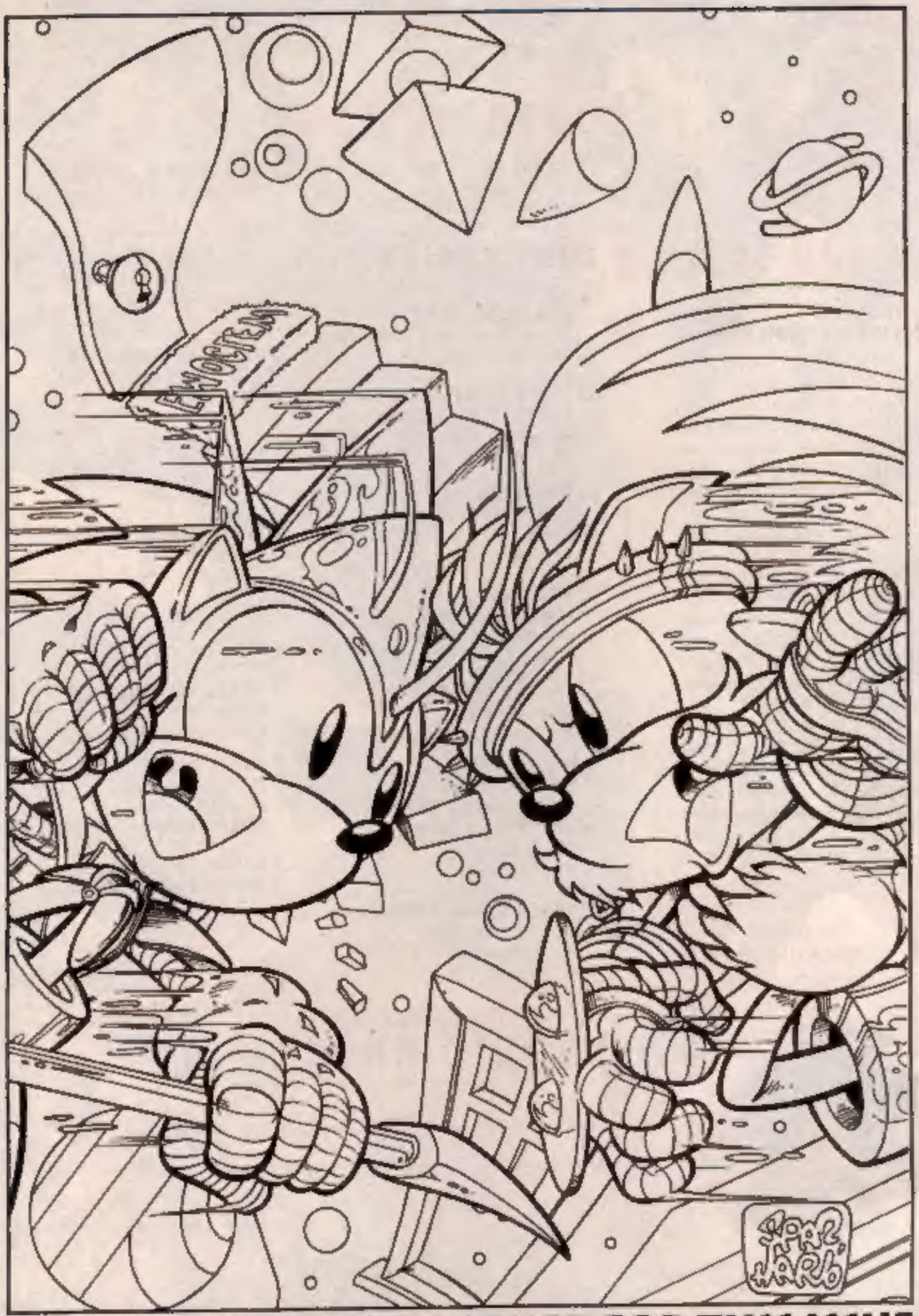

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